(c) by when the decision on this is likely to be taken; and

(d) what is the criteria for fixing Railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The following stations are proposed to be provided on Narkhed-Amravati line:—

(i) Narkhed (ii) Mouwad (iii) Pulsa (iv) Vinoda (v) Hiwarkhed (vi) Pala (vii) Morsi (viii) Astgaon (ix) Kolvihar (x) Chandur Bazar (xi) Shirala (xii) Walgaon (xiii) Amravati Road (xiv) Badnera.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Stations are located either close to population centres/industrial areas for catering to the traffic requirements of such places, or at operationally required points for crossing of trains etc.

Expansion of Narkhed Railway station

2508. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narkhed Railway Station would be upgraded and expanded, keeping in view the new Narkhed Amravati Rail line;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how much money is sanctioned for this purpose; and

(d) the details of other stations on this line which would be upgraded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It will become a Junction station with all necessary infrastructure required for the purpose.

(c) It is a part of the new line project. There is no separate sanction.

(d) Upgradation of wayside stations are done on existing rail lines and not on proposed new lines.

Tri Weekly Rajdhani Express via Patna

2509. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry has any proposal of running tri weekly the Rajdhani Express via Patna in place of bi-weekly as at present;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) A weekly Rajdhani Express between New Delhi and Guwahati is proposed to be introduced in July '94 Time Table. Thereafter Rajdhani service between New Delhi and Patna will be available thrice a week.

Purchase of Old Flat wagons from Spain

2510. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to scrap plans to buy 500 old container flat wagons from Spain for Container Corporation of India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the reasons for not making attempts for the development and manufacture of this type of wagons in India by the Railways units at Bangalore or elsewhere; and

(d) in what manner it is proposed to go ahead with the purchase from abroad instead of undertaking manufacture in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Indigenous capability already exists and the proposal will be